

MINUTES

UTAH PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2004

**Room 428 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building**

CONVENED: 9:15 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:45 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Dan T. Jones, Acting Bureau Manager
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Susan A. Doucette
Margo Jones Brady
Mark A. Anderson

Board Members Absent:

LeOra Brown
Bradley H. Zollinger, resigned due to Association
position

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Acting Board Chair

Margo Jones Brady was requested to act as board chair for this meeting.

Swearing in of Margo Jones Brady, Susan A. Doucette and Mark A. Anderson as Board Members

Mr. Jones conducted the swearing in of Ms. Jones Brady, Ms. Doucette and Mr. Anderson as board members.

Read and approve the June 11, 2002 minutes.

Mr. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Ms. Doucette seconded the motion. **The board vote was unanimous.**

Notification of Douglas Vilnius resignation and Debra Hendren as New Bureau Manager

Mr. Jones discussed the resignation of Mr. Vilnius and the new bureau manager, Ms. Hendren, as coming to the Division March 1, 2004. Ms. Hendren will be over the Physical Therapy. Mr. Jones stated there may be

additional changes later in the year. **No action taken.**

PENDING BUSINESS:

Update on Board Request for Revisions on the Utah Law and Rule Examination

A copy of the current application and the revised Law and Rule examination was distributed to each board member. **The board reviewed the information with no action taken.**

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Discussion on Licensure of Physical Therapy Assistants

The board discussed the issue of changing the statute to require Physical Therapy Assistants to be licensed.

Ms. Doucette has attended the last two FSBPT conferences and commented that the other States discussed this issue at both conferences. The consensus at the FSBPT conference is that the states view the licensure of assistants according to their specific law and rule.

The board recommendation was for board members to meet with the association for further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FSBPT Correspondence

The board reviewed the following FSBPT correspondence:

1. Examination Information. **The board noted the information**
2. The Federation Forum Newsletters. **No action taken.**
3. Information regarding fee increase on the examination on January 1, 2005. **The board noted the information.**
4. 4th Edition of the Foreign Education Evaluation Tool. **No action taken.**
5. Update on Photo's on Score Report. **No action taken.**

CAPTE Accreditation Update

The board noted the information.

E-Mail letter from Georgia Director,
Jacqueline A. Hightower, regarding Cheating
on the FSBPT Examination

The board reviewed the letter and discussed the issue
of cheating on the examination. **No action taken.**

Newsletters

The board reviewed the following newsletters:

1. Arizona. **No action taken.**
2. Kentucky. **No action taken.**
3. Louisiana. **No action taken.**
4. Maryland, Summer and Winter. **No action taken.**
5. Oklahoma. **No action taken.**

The Redleaf Institute Continuing Education
Information

The board noted the information.

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Letter
regarding Concerns About the Direction of
FSBPT

The board reviewed the letter. **No action taken.**

Maryland Board Response to the Texas Letter

The board reviewed the letter. **No action taken.**

Rodney W. Schlegel Letter regarding
Electromyography

**The board reviewed the letter and discussed that
the procedure of electromyography is done in Utah
by some physical therapist and is not done by
others.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Chairperson

**Board members present requested this item be
deferred until a full board is present to determine a
board chairperson.**

Salt Lake Tribune Article

The board reviewed the article. **No action taken.**

Fee Increases for Applications and Renewals

Mr. Jones notified the board that the application fee
has gone up from \$60.00 to \$70.00 and the renewal fee
will be \$47.00 at this time. However, those fees could
change at the legislative session. **The board noted
the information.**

Finger Stick Blood Specimens Question from
Helen Terry, Gentiva Health Services

The board reviewed the letter. **Board members
stated that the education program does not include
the finger stick blood specimen procedure.
Therefore, this procedure would be outside the
Utah Scope of Practice.**

Report from Ms. Doucette on the FSBPT 2003
Spring and Fall Meetings

Ms. Doucette reported that she gave a welcome to the federation to the State of Utah as the conference was in Salt Lake City.

Discussion was on the protection of the name of physical therapy and excluding chiropractors from doing physical therapy.

There is a case still open of a physical therapist doing manipulation and possibly each state would need discussion of physical therapists doing manipulation and not chiropractic manipulation.

Ms. Doucette stated that the law already probably covers physical therapist's.

Mr. Anderson stated that when the chapter looked at opening the practice act and the cost of protecting the physical therapy turf and not getting changes the profession doesn't want, the association may not have the money to sponsor a bill at this time.

Mr. Jones stated that if it is just a house-keeping bill, the association usually don't have to spend a lot of money for that.

Ms. Doucette commented that the profession may just want to update the language and not change a lot of things.

Mr. Anderson responded that now would be the time for the association to start looking at this. There is going to be a Utah Salt Lake City legislative conference this summer. Maybe the association could approach the legislators at that meeting. Perhaps the board could recommend starting the process for housekeeping and if it looks like someone is going to make some changes that we don't agree with, we could pull the bill.

Mr. Jones commented that if the updates are all in place and ready to present, the legislative process should go well.

Ms. Doucette reported that at the fall Kansas City Meeting the national examination was reviewed. There are 4 viable exams in circulation right now. It

was a good experience. They have multiple mini-courses going on during the day at the conferences. Ms. Doucette stated the conferences were beneficial for board members to meet counterparts from other states, to find out the national issues and to be involved in discussion of those issues. **The board thanked Ms. Doucette for attending and reporting.**

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

July 27, 2004

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

10:45 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Physical Therapy Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing